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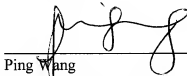
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Applicants have received an additional European Patent Search Report for the EP patent application, which corresponds to the present application. The issue fee was paid for the present application on March 24, 2005. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the present application from issuance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313(c)2 or 1.313(c)3 and are filing an RCE concurrently herewith so that the information in the IDS can be considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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